GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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VISIT OF NAVAL CHIEF TO RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Naval Chief with a highlevel delegation visited Russia recently to discuss upgradation of sub-marines, aircraft carrier and helicopters;

(b) if so, the extent to which Russia is willing to extend help in this regard; and

(c) the expected cost involved in modernising and updating our Naval strike power?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Chief of the Naval Staff visited Russiain September 1999 at the invitation of the Commander-in-Chiefof the Russian Navy for discussions on naval matters of mutual interest.

Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.